Funds for drinking water in rural areas of Karnataka

892. SHRI LALIT SURI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka State had appealed to Centre for release of funds to the tune of Rs. 150 crores to provide drinking water in rural areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only Rs. 27.50 crores was released recently; and

(c) by when the balance amount will be released and the reasons for delay in releasing the amount?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) For supplementing the efforts of the States to provide drinking water facilities in rural areas, the Central Government provides financial assistance to the States under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The funds under ARWSP are allocated to the States as per a fixed criteria based on

- Rural population;
- States under Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) & special category hill States in terms of rural areas of the State;
- Not Covered/Partially Covered villages; and
- Quality affected villages.

During the year 2004-2005, an amount of Rs. 10045.89 lakh was allocated to Karnataka as per the laid down criteria and the entire amount has been released.

Misutilization of funds by NGOs working in the rural sector

893. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 295 NGOs working in the rural sector have been blacklisted by CAPART for misutilization of funds, non performance, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of such NGOs State-wise including their blacklisted projects and funds;

(c) the preventive steps such as verification, monitoring and evaluation of projects undertaken or being undertaken to check the further recurrence of fraudulent activities of NGOs;

(d) whether Government propose more changes in the existing guidelines to make NGOs effective partner in development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indira Awas Yojana

894. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the year-wise and district-wise details of the target of the houses to be made in Maharashtra under Indira Awas Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): Year-wise and district-wise details of number of houses targeted and houses constructed under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) for the last three years and the current year (2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004) are given in the Statement.

Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

895. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are re-thinking on the Rural employment Guarantee Scheme in its present form, for rectification or certain flaws in regard to routing of funds;

(b) whether apprehending leakage enroute to district administration (the collector) as originally envisaged, the Government now proposes to assign a major role of the village Panchayats; and

(c) whether the implementation at the village panchayat level will make it possible for the public to get access to documents like muster rolls of labourers and list of works etc.?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREG) Bill, 2004 was introduced in the Lok Sabha by the Government on 21.12.2004. It has been referred to the Standing Committee on Rural Development by Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha for examination and its recommendations.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per the provisions contained in the NREG Bill, 2004, the Village Panchayat is required to make available all relevant documents including muster rolls of labourers etc. to the Gram Sabha for conducting their social audit. Besides, a list of persons who are provided with the work is also required to be displayed on the notice board of the Village Panchayat for inspection by any interested person.